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1. GORGE INFORMED US JUNE 23 THAT QUESTION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTION AGAINST UNFICYP IS NOW A DEAD ISSUE. (COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT ON JUNE 24 DENKTASH NEWSPAPER, ZAMAN, CONTINUES TO EDITORIALIZE ON THE "ILLEGAL STATUS OF UNFICYP."

2. ON JUNE 22 GORGE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW YORK TO REFUTE DENKTASH'S ALLEGATIONS THAT TIMING OF VOTE ON UNFICYP RENEWAL AFFECTED CONTINUITY OF UN RESOLUTION 186. UNSYG TOOK THE POSITION THAT NO MATTER WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN THE LEGAL EFFECT WOULD BE CONTINUATION OF THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION. UNSYG ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT IN FACT THE VOTE WAS TAKEN BEFORE MIDNIGHT AND THEREFORE THERE WAS NO VALIDITY WHATSOEVER IN DENKTASH'S POSITION.

3. GORGE WENT FIRST TO TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON TO
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PAVE THE WAY FOR A MEETING WITH DENKTASH. ONHON INDICATED THAT DENKTASH WOULD NOT FOLLOW UP ON HIS WARNING AND ADVISED GORGE NOT TO PROCEED TO CONFRONT DENKTASH WITH UNSYG LEGAL ARGUMENTS. GORGE BELIEVES ONHON TOOK ACTION WITH DENKTASH TO CONVINCE LATTER NOT TO PUSH THIS ISSUE FURTHER. GORGE NOW CONSIDERS THE MATTER CLOSED. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE.

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